THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Education is on the concurrent list and school education is primarily the concern of State/UT Govts. In almost all the States, there are Acts aimed at. protecting the interests of teachers working in private schools. However, State/UT Govts, have been requested to send their views on the feasibility of enacting a central legislation to regulate private schools.

Report on Nature Trekking Camp Conducted at Manali

1912. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalays Sangathan, have received the report of the Observer on nature trekking camp conducted at Manali in the month of October, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in the matter; and

(d) the details of the amount spent on the said camp head-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Nature Trekking Camp was conducted from 6th to 12th October, 1997 at Manali with the help of Adviser, Air Force Nature Club. The observer in her report maintained that the camp was an exquisite experience for both the participants and their escorts. She also noted certain difficulties and suggested that in future adequate capacity in tents and warm clothing as well as satisfactory standard of food must be ensured. While endorsing one night trek as a novelty, the observer futher suggested that the conduct of night trekking for girls should not be left to male escorts alone.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan will ensure proper facilities in organising the trekking programme in future.

(d) The fees charged by the Air Force Nature Club was Rs. 21/- inclusive of transport from Delhi to Manali and back.

Compulsory Retirement of Teachers in KVs.

1913. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas had been retired compulsorily in 1995 inter alia for writing to the then Prime Minister and praying institution of High level probe against the allegedly erring Ministers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of alleged corruption and the Ministers involved;

(c) whether these complaints forwarded by several MPs to the then Prime Minister had been dealt with by junior bureaucrats who were subordinates and filed;

(d) whether the penalties imposed upon teachers have not yet been revoked; and

(e) if so, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has informed that one Post Graduate Teacher in Delhi was compulsorily retired in April, 1995 after following prescribed procedure on account of charges involving financial irregularities and other acts of misconduct including writing of letters to Prime Minister containing derogatory language.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The penalty imposed on the teacher has not been revoked. The review petition against the penalty preferred by the teacher was considered and rejected by the Chairman, KVS.